



Ruby Thaut, long-time Wilsall and Bozeman resident, passed away peacefully February 23rd, 2009, in Belgrade. She and her lifetime sweetheart, George, had proudly celebrated their 67th Wedding Anniversary December 29th. Ruby was born in Pompey's Pillar September 22, 1922 to George and Elizabeth (Poluvena) Milohov, and graduated from Huntley Project High School in 1941. After her marriage to George, they resided in Shepherd & Billings, where their children, Judy and Al (Lanny) were born. In 1947 they moved to Wilsall, where they eventually owned the Bank Tavern and were ambitious, well-liked, fun-loving, progressive members of the community. Ruby was an enthusiastic, talented member of the Dorcas Society.

Both of the kids graduated from Wilsall High School while with their parents there. Mrs. Thaut partnered with her husband in 1972 in the Lindsay water-softener business and in 1975 took residence near Bozeman, but always kept close touch with their many special friends in the Wilsall area.

Ruby is survived by her dear husband, George, of Bozeman; daughter, Judy Hays of Green Valley, AZ; son, Al Thaut of Monument, CO, and grandsons, Lance (Tanya) Thaut of Long Beach, CA, Lyle (Rhonda) Thaut of Long Beach, Jake (Carina) Hays of Boise, ID, and Cadet 4C Lane Thaut of the US Air Force Academy. Her Great-Grandchildren are Sydney Thaut, Allison, Maycie, and Trevor Thaut, and Sofia and Darren Hays. Judy and Lanny's former spouses Bob Hays and Sue Ann Thaut also survive, while Al's love and Lane's mother, Paulette Thaut, passed away in 1995, also leaving daughters, Jeannie, Susie, and Cheryl. Ruby was predeceased by sisters, Anna Kudloff, Facta and Claudia Milohov, and brothers Al, Mike, and Pete Milohov.

A Celebration of Ruby Thaut's Life will be at the Shields River Lutheran Church in Wilsall at 11 am Saturday, February 28th, followed by graveside services at the Wilsall Cemetery, where Ruby will come home to her beloved Crazy Mountains. An appropriately casual, friendly gathering at the Wilsall Senior Center afterwards will further celebrate Ruby's life.

The Thaut Family – especially faithful caregiver George – will be eternally grateful to the current staff, care providers, and resident friends at Edgewood Vista, truly her comfortable home and respite during the past two years, and to Rocky Mountain Hospice, ever-so-kind in providing loving care, blessings, and comfort during her final days. If you please, in lieu of flowers, kindly provide donations in memory of Ruby Thaut to the Montana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 3010 11th Ave N, Billings, 59101, or to the charity of your choice.